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Subject: RE: Democrats seek investigation on EPA formaldehyde assessment

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Final Statement: “EPA recognizes the importance of conducting IRIS assessments based on sound science – and of conducting them in a timely and transparent manner. That’s why the Administrator continues to press for improvements in the IRIS program. These improvements have been noted by both the U.S. Government Accountability Office and the National Academy of Sciences. Because IRIS assessments are major investments in both time, historically two or more years per assessment, and resources, it is important to ensure IRIS program activities are addressing the top priorities for the Agency. To further enable IRIS to meet these needs, EPA instituted a process where programs identified their priorities for IRIS assessments. On August 10, 2018, EPA’s Office of Research and Development (ORD) delivered a memorandum to the Assistant Administrators and their deputies. The programs were asked to identify priorities for future IRIS assessments. ORD did not direct or otherwise restrict the programs but rather allowed each program to select priorities based on their own unique set of circumstances. After these priorities with proper signatures were received, a summary memo was sent on December 4, 2018, announcing the eleven chemicals for priority IRIS assessment. The list was then announced to the public via the Agency’s website. EPA’s ORD has noted to the programs that it will annually solicit assessment requests.” – **Michael Abboud, EPA spokesman**

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On Mar 4, 2019, at 6:19 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: POLITICO Pro Energy Whiteboard [<mailto:politicoemail@politicopro.com>]
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By Annie Snider

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Democratic lawmakers are seeking an investigation into the Trump EPA's handling of a health assessment linking the chemical formaldehyde with cancer.

Senate Environment Committee ranking member Tom Carper, House Science Committee Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, and Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse (R.I) and Ed Markey (Mass.) outlined the requests in letters today to EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler and EPA's scientific integrity officer, Francesca Grifo.

The lawmakers say David Dunlap, a former Koch Industries expert who now serves as the top political official overseeing EPA's Office of Research and Development, may have violated his recusal agreement by participating in discussions related to the program responsible for the formaldehyde study.

Dunlap "may have directed or participated in" decisions to reduce the number of chemicals studied by EPA's Integrated Risk Information System, and to "cease work on the formaldehyde health assessment," the Democrats wrote to Wheeler, citing documents they obtained. Carper posted several new documents on IRIS, including internal memos and emails.

Koch subsidiary Georgia-Pacific is a major producer of formaldehyde, and Dunlap has voluntarily recused himself from "any matters related to the formaldehyde IRIS assessment for the duration of my EPA tenure."

Their letter follows a Government Accountability Office report released today that found that political leaders reduced the number of chemicals being reviewed by the IRIS program. And POLITICO reported last year that political officials at EPA were blocking the release of the assessment, which links formaldehyde with leukemia and other ailments.

An EPA spokeswoman says the agency "will respond through the proper channels."

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